

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A PROTECTIVE ORDER, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana protective order process is governed by state statutes, specifically Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 46, which details the Protection from Family Violence Act (starting at § 2131), the Protection from Dating Violence Act (§ 2151), the Protection from Stalking Act (§ 2171), and the Protection for Victims of Sexual Assault Act (§ 2181);

WHEREAS, these statutes outline the process for obtaining a protective order, its contents, and the duties of law enforcement and courts in protecting victims; and

WHEREAS, recent upward trends in the numbers of Domestic Violence related incidents in Caddo Parish have been a cause for concern and local leaders have a strong desire to advocate for resources and policy modifications that can help protect and prevent citizens from becoming victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, a timely protective order can play a critical role in the protection of men and women who are at risk of becoming victim of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the current process for obtaining a protective order is considered onerous, intimidating, complicated and slow by many advocates for domestic violence victims, law enforcement and those seeking to reduce instances of domestic violence; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, acting in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby urges and requests that the State of Louisiana develops and implements a simplified and faster moving process for the issuance of protective orders in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to the Speaker of the Louisiana House, the President of the Louisiana Senate, the Caddo Parish legislative delegation and Governor Jeff Landry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date